THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to vigorously enforce the provisions of the Hand-loom Reservation Order, three Regional Offices of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms have been set up at Delhi, Pune and Coimbatore. The States have also been requested, to set up such enforcement machinery which would be fully founded by the Centre during the remaining period, of the 7th Five Year Flan. However, such Central assistance during the 8th Plan will be on a tapering basis by reducing 20 per cent every year so that by the terminal year of the 8th Plan the entire expenditure will be borne by the States.

A Scheme for modernisation o* handlooms hag been in operation since 1980-81 whereby financial assistance is given to the States for purchase/replacement/renovation of looms with matching assistance from the States. l/3rd of thig assistance % by way of grant and the remaining 2/3rd being on loan basis. The Weavers Service Centres and the Indian Institutes of Handloom technology are also engaged in upgrada-tion of technology in the fields of weaving, processing and designing. Assistance is aslo given for setting up of pre-loom/post-loom processing houses by Handloom Development Corporations and State Apex Societies on 100 per cent loan basis from the Central Government.

Indices of wageg

784. SHRIMATI KANAK MUK-HEEJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the indices of nominal wages and real wage in the country during the years 1980-81, 1981-82, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86; alongwith the rise or fall in real wage (in per cent) during the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): The latest available information about index numbers (with base 1976—100) of money earnings and real earnings for the factory and mine workers as compiled by the Labour Bureau relating to the calendar years 1980 and 1981 as well as percentage risfe or fall is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The Index Numbers of money earnings and real earnings *of* workers, earing less than Rs. 1,000 00 per month on base 1976—100 in manufacturing industries and mines.

Year	Index number of money earnings		Index number of real earnings	
	Factory workers	Mines workers	Factory workers	Mines @ workers
1980	137	130	104	98
1981	147	178	99	119
Per cent increase in 1981 over 1980 .	(7.3)	(36.9)	(—4.8)	(21.4)

NOTI : The figures relating to factory workers exclude those for Railway Workshops and Groups of Industries seasonal in Charter consisting of Food, Beverages, Tobacco and Construction but include Defence Installations.

@ Limit of Rs. 1,000/- per month is not applicable in the case of mine workers.